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SUBJECT: GREEK PARLIAMENT APPROVES 1976 GREEK BUDGET

REF: ATHENS 9550; ATHENS 8995; ATHENS 8730

1. PARLIAMENT APPROVED THE GREEK STATE BUDGET BY A MARGIN OF 165 TO 36 ON DEC 18 AFTER THREE DAYS OF DEBATE. ALL OPPOSITION PARTIES VOTED AGAINST THE BUDGET, BUT ALL VOICED SUPPORT FOR INCREASED MILITARY EXPENDITURES (KKE EXTERIOR NEVER-THELESS ALSO VOTED AGAINST DEFENSE MINISTRY APPROPRIATIONS).

2. OPPOSITION LEADERS GENERALLY CONDEMNED THE BUDGET AS EXCESSIVELY CONSERVATIVE AND INADEQUATE TO SUFFICIENTLY STIMULATE THE ECONOMY. THEY CALLED FOR TAX REFORM TO BENEFIT LOWER INCOME GROUPS, AND GREATER EXPENDITURES ON EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

3. GOG SPOKESMAN DEFENDED THE BUDGET ALONG THE LINES REPORTED IN REFTELS, THAT IT AIMED AT STIMULATING THE ECONOMY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE LIMITS IMPOSED BY INFLATION AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS CONSTRAINTS. COORDINATION MINISTER PAPALIGOURAS AND FINANCE MINISTER DEVLETOGOU SUMMED UP THE GOVERNMENTS DEFENSE ON THE FINAL DAY OF DEBATE.

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THEY STRESSED THE RELATIVE IMPROVEMENT IN THE GREEK

ECONOMY IN 1975, AND THE STEPS TAKEN TO LAY THE  
FOUNDATIONS FOR A PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC  
AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, DESPITE THE WORLDWIDE  
ECONOMIC DOWNTURN AND ESSENTIAL DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS.

4. THE EMBASSY IS IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING  
A DETAILED ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT OF THE BUDGET.  
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